

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: **CHAIRMAN JIM SHOCKLEY**, on January 23, 2009 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 49, 1/6/2009; SB 199, 1/19/2009;
SB 227, 1/19/2009; SB 229,
1/19/2009; SB 239, 1/19/2009; SB
240, 1/19/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 49

00:01:08 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED**
(D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 49, Energy efficiency standards for construction of state buildings.

00:02:50 Sen. Brueggeman arrived

00:03:57 Sen. Bales arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:39 Ellen Simpson, Montana Wood Products Association
00:08:36 Jim Baerg, Builder
00:16:57 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:18:11 Maureen Weiland, Student Government Montana State University Bozeman
00:18:48 Matt Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council
00:21:52 Bob Decker, Policy Institute
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts16a01)

00:24:18 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:44 None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:52 Lou Moore, Montana Department of Environmental Quality
00:25:06 Jim Whaley, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:29 Sen. Squires
00:26:14 Jim Whaley, DOA
00:26:40 Sen. Cooney
00:27:35 Sen. Wanzenreid
00:27:48 Jim Whaley, DOA
00:27:59 Sen. Cooney
00:28:24 Jim Whaley, DOA
00:29:02 Sen. Cooney
00:29:23 Jim Whaley, DOA
00:29:43 Sen. Bales
00:30:10 Dave Bohyer
00:30:35 Sen. Bales
00:30:57 Dave Bohyer
00:31:52 Sen. Cooney

00:32:29 Acting Chairman Balyeat
00:32:51 Dave Bohyer
00:33:11 Sen. Bales

00:33:18 Sen. Jent arrived

00:34:03 Bob Decker, Policy Institute
00:35:26 Sen. Bales
00:36:22 Ellen Simpson, Montana Wood Products Association

00:36:43 Sen. Black arrived

00:36:54 Acting Chairman Balyeat
00:37:12 Sen. Wanzenreid

00:37:46 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 199

00:41:33 Without objection the Committee postponed the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 227

00:41:39 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. ROY BROWN (R), SD
25, opened the hearing on SB 227, Electronic filing
and additional campaign reports.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts16a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts16a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:14 Kate Cholewa, Montana Common Cause

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:40 None

Informational Testimony:

00:46:46 Mary Baker, Office of Commissioner of Political
Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:07 Sen. Brenden
00:47:27 Sen. Brown
00:47:31 Sen. Brenden

00:47:42 Sen. Brown
00:47:56 Sen. Squires
00:49:48 Sen. Brown
00:50:45 Sen. Squires
00:51:27 Mary Baker, Office of Commissioner of Political Practices
00:52:37 Sen. Squires
00:53:23 Mary Baker, Office of Commissioner of Political Practices
00:54:52 Acting Chairman Balyeat
00:55:52 Mary Baker, Office of Commissioner of Political Practices
00:56:38 Acting Chairman Balyeat
00:57:01 Sen. Bales
00:57:31 Sen. Brown
00:58:05 Sen. Brenden
00:59:23 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices
01:02:35 Vice-Chairman Brueggeman

01:03:42 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 239

01:04:22 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. ROY BROWN (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 239, Ban constituent accounts.

EXHIBIT(sts16a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:24 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:30 None

Informational Testimony:

01:07:36 Kate Cholewa, Montana Common Cause
EXHIBIT(sts16a05)

01:10:21 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:14 Sen. Brenden
01:11:19 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

01:13:19 Sen. Brenden
01:13:47 Sen. Brown
01:13:51 Sen. Brenden
01:14:07 Sen. Brown

01:14:48 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 229

01:15:59 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. GARY PERRY (R), SD
35, opened the hearing on SB 229, Use party affiliation
on canvass for organizing legislature.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:00 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:31:23 None

Informational Testimony:

01:31:27 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:31 Sen. Cooney
01:32:38 Sen. Perry
01:33:28 Sen. Cooney
01:33:41 Sen. Black
01:34:06 Sen. Perry
01:34:21 Vice-Chairman Brueggeman
01:35:20 Sen. Bales
01:36:57 Sen. Perry
01:37:36 Sen. Bales
01:38:12 Sen. Cooney

01:38:44 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Perry

HEARING ON SB 240

01:40:58 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. JOHN BRENDEN (R), SD
18, opened the hearing on SB 240, Residency
requirements for public boards and commissions; clarify
"residence".

01:42:07 Chairman Shockley arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:17 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:44:23 None

Informational Testimony:

01:44:27 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:32 Sen. Squires
01:45:28 Sen. Brenden
01:46:01 Sen. Squires
01:47:11 Sen. Brenden
01:48:17 Sen. Squires
01:48:24 Sen. Brenden
01:48:33 Sen. Squires
01:49:07 Chairman Shockley
01:49:22 Sen. Brenden
01:49:39 Sen. Cooney
01:49:57 Chairman Shockley
01:50:19 Sen. Cooney
01:51:53 Chairman Shockley
01:52:14 Sen. Cooney

01:52:31 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sts16aad.pdf](#))